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FROM: 141/Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Blanket Determination Regarding Attendance at the Virginia Peninsula
Chamber of Commerce Lunch with a Leader

The Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce will host a "Lunch with a Leader" on Monday, December 6, 2004, at 11:45 a.m. at the Kiln Creek Golf Club and Resort in Newport News, Virginia. Speakers will include Virginia General Assembly Delegate Phil Hamilton and State Senator Marty Williams. Delegate Hamilton and Senator Williams are involved in key decisions impacting the growth and development of businesses, universities, and industry involved with technology and aerospace research and development in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has invited several NASA employees to attend the event. I have determined it to be in the best interest of the Government for those invited NASA employees to attend this event in their official capacities and as representatives of NASA.

The luncheon will be a widely attended gathering attended by numerous Federal and Commonwealth government employees, representatives of academia, and local business leaders. NASA invitees will have the opportunity to meet with key commonwealth public officials, local business leaders, and members of academia who have an interest in NASA's space and aeronautics mission. The estimated value of the luncheon, which includes food and beverages, is \$27.50 per person. In accordance with 5 CFR §2635.204(g), and 14 CFR §1207.103, Designation of Responsible Officials, I find that the event meets the definition of a widely attended gathering and, in light of NASA's involvement in space and aeronautics research activity impacting the local community and Commonwealth, I conclude that NASA's interest in its employees attending this event outweighs any concern that free attendance may, or may appear to, improperly influence any NASA personnel in the performance of their official duties.

Accordingly, NASA Langley Research Center employees and their spouses who are invited may participate in the luncheon without charge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy Ann Kurke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Kathy Ann Kurke
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